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1. At the time of the formation within the Belgian Communist Party of a clandes—
tine committee to aid the Greek rebels, it was decided that it should function
under the name of "Group SOUMVA" to distinguish it from the official "Committee
for Aid to Democratic Greece." This latter overt Committee is under the
supervision and direction of Albert MARTEAUX, Communist Deputy and member of

- 2. Samuel HERSSENS, member of the Central and Federal Committees and of the Politburo of the Belgian Communist Party, is head of "Group SOUMVA" and has stated that funds raised through subscriptions now total 149,000 Belgian francs. This sum, HERSSENS announced at a recent Group meeting, would be divided, fifty percent going to Greek rebels and fifty percent to aid Spanish Republicans.
- 3. Although HERSSENS has told his Group workers that the sum raised is only 149,000 Belgian francs, it is believed that a much larger fund has been collected and the excess over the announced figure is to be used for other purposes, such as Communist propaganda.
- 4. Four assistants work under HERSSENS in "Group SOUMVA": Rik HEYNDELS, Leonard HAMELRYCK, Waulpha SCHAK and Pierre EECKHOUT.

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